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For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A PARTITION WALL
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 18, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action issued October 18, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants submitted on March 20, 2003 a Petition for a three-month extension of time, i.e. extending the due date for a response to the October 18, 2002 Office Action from January 18, 2003 to April 18, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and the Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith are being timely filed.

Applicants request that the application be amended as follows.